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WASHINGTON, February 18, 1982 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended February 13 totaled an estimated 16.4 billion ton-miles, 5.1 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 7 weeks of 1982 was an estimated 106.7 billion ton-miles, 12.1 percent below the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended February 13 totaled 379,174 cars, 9.0 percent below 1981, but 3.0 percent higher than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were down 12.6 percent in the East, 6.2 percent in the South, and 8.2 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1981, 19 of the 21 commodity groups were down. Thirteen of the 21 groups increased from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended February 6 totaled 35,362 cars, up 8.8 percent from the corresponding week of 1981, and 63,056 trailers and/or containers, 7.3 percent higher than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first six weeks of the year was 188,209 cars, 5.8 percent higher than last year, and 337,390 trailers and/or containers, up 5.1 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 2/13/82:

	Loadings in Week ended February 13, 1982		Change from Corresponding Week 1981			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	26,351	D	2,552	8.8	I	1,258	5.0
Other farm products	3,839	I	277	7.8	D	145	3.6
Metallic ores	21,201	D	2,101	9.0	I	2,658	14.3
Coal	111,281	D	2,650	2.3	I	4,169	3.9
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	8,651	D	1,353	13.5	I	123	1.4
Nonmetallic minerals	9,861	D	2,788	22.0	D	932	8.6
Grain mill products	14,248	D	2,137	13.0	I	200	1.4
Food and kindred products	15,150	D	1,231	7.5	I	198	1.3
Primary forest products	16,558	D	1,249	7.0	I	583	3.6
Lumber and wood products except furniture	5,395	D	2,823	34.4	D	219	3.9
Pulp, paper and allied products	17,662	D	2,009	10.2	D	374	2.1
Chemicals and allied products	24,049	D	3,948	14.1	I	1,089	4.7
Petroleum products	4,972	D	659	11.7	I	54	1.1
Stone, clay and glass products	9,588	D	3,151	24.7	D	79	0.8
Coke	4,708	D	2,009	29.9	D	172	3.5
Metals and products	10,613	D	5,220	33.0	D	1,364	11.4
Motor vehicles and equipment	13,068	D	1,779	12.0	I	2,089	19.0
Waste and scrap materials	9,292	D	2,862	23.5	I	270	3.0
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	9,285	D	120	1.3	I	233	2.6
All other carloads	43,153	I	2,826	7.0	I	1,277	3.0
LCL traffic	249	D	14	5.3	D	7	2.7
Total Cars Loaded	379,174	D	37,552	9.0	I	10,909	3.0
Corresponding week of 1981	416,726						

	1982	1981	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (7 weeks)	2,456,193	2,895,343	D 15.2
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
6 Weeks cumulative	90.3	104.2	D 13.3
Week ended February 13	16.4	17.3	D 5.1
7 Weeks cumulative	106.7	121.5	D 12.1

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